

**OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION**

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| <b>STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT</b>        | North Carolina General statute 108A.40 through 108A.47 and Chapter 111.  |
| <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>                     | January 1, 1974.   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION <sup>1</sup></b>        | Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services <sup>2</sup> and Division of Services for the Blind (State-supervised and county-administered).   |
| <b>PASSALONG</b>                          | In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.   |
| <b>SCOPE OF COVERAGE</b>                  | Optional State supplementation provided to aged, blind, and disabled persons living in adult care homes. Blind and disabled adults not eligible for SSI may also be supplemented in a private living arrangement. Blind children are eligible for optional supplementation. Disabled children and adults in State institutions for developmental disabilities or mental disease are not eligible for optional supplementation.   |
| <b>RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS</b> | None.  |
| <b>RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY</b>            | No income is deemed to the spouse at home.   |
| <b>INCOME DISREGARDS</b>                  | <u>All categories:</u> A \$20 exemption applies to any income including SSI, with the exception of those persons whose income is a Veterans Administration (VA) pension payment or a VA compensation payment to the surviving parent of a veteran.<br><u>Aged and disabled:</u> For earned income, disregard the first \$65, subtract impairment related work expenses (e.g., equipment) and other work related expenses (e.g., uniforms), and disregard one-half of the remainder.<br><u>Blind:</u> For earned income, disregard the first \$85 plus one-half of the remainder. |
| <b>RESOURCE LIMITATIONS</b>               | Federal SSI resource limitations apply, except that the value of all household goods and personal effects is excluded.   |

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<sup>1</sup> Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

<sup>2</sup> Program providing assistance to aged and disabled persons known as State/County Special Assistance for Adults.

## PLACE OF APPLICATION

County offices of the Department of Social Services.

## FUNDING

Assistance: 50 percent State funds; 50 percent county funds.  
Administration: 100 percent County funds.

## INTERIM ASSISTANCE

State participates (in electing counties).

## PAYMENT LEVELS <sup>1</sup>

| <u>Living arrangements</u>             | <u>Combined Federal/State</u> |               | <u>State supplementation</u> |                     |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
|  | <u>Individual</u>             | <u>Couple</u> | <u>Individual</u>            | <u>Couple</u>       |
| Adult care home <sup>2</sup>           |                               |               |                              |                     |
| Basic <sup>3</sup>                     |                               |               |                              |                     |
| (Aged, blind & disabled)               | \$982.00                      | ---           | \$470.00                     | ---                 |
| Disenfranchised <sup>5 4 5</sup>       |                               |               |                              |                     |
| (Aged & disabled)                      | 1,231.00                      | ---           | 719.00                       | ---                 |
| Blind ineligible for SSI: <sup>6</sup> |                               |               |                              |                     |
| Not paying shelter and utilities       | NA                            | NA            | 97.00                        | <sup>7</sup> 194.00 |
| Paying shelter and utilities           | NA                            | NA            | 146.00                       | <sup>8</sup> 243.00 |

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled.

<sup>2</sup> A \$20 income exemption is allowed. In addition, a \$36 personal needs allowance is included in the optional supplementation.

<sup>3</sup> Couples residing in these living arrangements are treated as individuals one month after entering an independent living arrangement.

<sup>4</sup> Disenfranchised recipients are those who were grandfathered for continued coverage when the basic rate was reduced in August 1995.

The special assistance rate for disenfranchised recipients is now the same for ambulatory and semi-ambulatory, effective July 1, 1999.

<sup>6</sup> This is a temporary supplement paid until SSI eligibility is determined. This is for people who are currently in a private living arrangement.

<sup>7</sup> If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$146.

<sup>8</sup> If only one member of the couple is blind, payment level is \$219.

**STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

**MEDICAID****ELIGIBILITY:**

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| <b>CRITERION</b>               | SSI program guidelines (title XVI).                                  |
| <b>DETERMINED BY</b>           | Social Security Administration.                                      |
| <b>MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM</b> | Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.           |
| <b>UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES</b> | The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information. |